

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable. (We need a way to make EMERGENCY calls affordable)

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

PLEASE NOTE***** "The FCC Authorized Charge for Network Access--a charge to recover costs associated with connecting to a telecommunications service provider's internet network" CHARGE OF \$6.50' HAS BEEN ON MY REGULAR TELEPHONE BILL FOR YEARS, WHICH TO ME IS ALREADY AN UNFAIR BURDEN TO THE POORER AND SENIOR CITIZENS. TO ADD THIS SAME THING TO CELL PHONES APPEARS TO BE A DOUBLE UNFAIR CHARGE. OH MY!

Does the time ever come when 'a charge to recover' ever comes to an end????? I may not use my Trac-Fone minutes very often, but I pay to get the minutes I purchase, so why pay MORE? I could use other Cell Phone systems, but for an emergency or an unfrequent call, why should we help support businesses or people's cell phones that are constantly in use.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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